

**REMARKS****Overview**

Claims 1-6 are currently pending in this application. Claims 7-10 have been cancelled.

**Double-Patenting Rejection**

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's decision in regard to the double-patenting rejection. The previous claims include the words "a double thickness overlying strip". The present claims do not include this limitation.

The Examiner states that the limitation requiring a double thickness overlying strip does not limit the claims of the present application.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. It is true that the step of attaching the flat rear surface of the single conductive strip in complete covering relation over the front flat surface of the resistive strip "to create a double thickness overlying strip" is an intermediate step. However, this intermediate step has effect upon the ultimate resistor because it could be construed as limiting the ultimate resistor to terminations having only a "double thickness". This could be construed as meaning that the conductive strips at the ends of the resistor are of the same thickness as the resistance element. Therefore, it is a limiting feature on the ultimately formed resistor formed by the method of the claims.

Accordingly, the Examiner is incorrect that the scope of the claims of the previous Patent No. 6,725,529 are of the same scope as the claims of the present application. The claims of the present application do not require a double thickness overlying strip, and consequently do not require that the ultimately formed resistor having the conductive strips on the ends thereof is of a "double thickness".

Applicant has previously filed a Terminal Disclaimer, and therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner change the rejection to a rejection based upon "obviousness" type double patenting and accept the Terminal Disclaimer as overcoming this rejection.

### Conclusion

If a telephone interview can further facilitate the prosecution of the present application, Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone Applicant's attorney of record at the below identified number.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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